

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

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March 30, 2025

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

FIRST READING: God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the Produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12).

PSALM: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

SECOND READING: We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21).

GOSPEL: We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: LOST AND FOUND

The parable of the father and his sons is one of the most familiar of all of Jesus' stories. The father in the parable is lavish in forgiveness and revels in the return of his young son, who was lost and now is found. The older son is also lost—lost in his refusal to forgive, lost in his failure to grasp his father's generous spirit. The Israelites spent many years lost in the desert, seeking the land of milk and honey, yet often failing to seek the God who delivered and fed them. We are sometimes lost as well. We lose sight of the Lord and the Lord's ways. God never loses sight of us, however. God waits, ready for us to come to our senses, ready to welcome us back with open arms.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

5:30PM Saturday - April 5th
Lector Volunteer

9:00AM Sunday - April 6th
Lector: Denise Lakatos

Mass Intentions for the Week: (March 31st - April 6th)

MON 03/31 7:00AM . . + M/M Joseph Cisz - (Daughter, Joan)
TUES 04/01 7:00AM . . + For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirilia Graicar
WED 04/02 7:00AM . . + Anna Mary Myers - (Dad)
THURS 04/03 7:00AM . . + Betty Dukery - (Rich & Roberta Janisko)
FRI 04/04 7:00AM . . + Martin & Matilda Simcic
SAT 04/05 5:30PM . . + Pro Populo
SUN 04/06 9:00AM . . + (B) Eugene Esposito - (Sister, Janet Knapp)

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Stewardship Reflections:

For too many of us, Lent is a season of doom and gloom, a time to feel bad about all the ways we are not “measuring up” in our spiritual lives. But this view could not be further from the truth. Lent is a season of refreshment and love, of awakening and rebirth. In fact, the word “lent” comes from the Old English word, “lenten,” which means spring. Lent is intended to be a springtime for us in our spiritual lives where all can become new again.

We owe God everything! But let’s start by giving him one little thing. Take even a faltering step closer to Him – go to confession, join in the Stations of the Cross, call a family member or friend you are at odds with and try to reconcile. With just the tiniest bit of spiritual “spring cleaning” we can be sure we will be swept up in our Father’s loving embrace and find ourselves feasting in His presence. That is what lent is all about.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS

March 22nd & 23rd, 2025

Weekly	\$ 1,382.00
Lenten Offer	\$ 5.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 20.00

Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne's Parish! Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!

St Anne Basket Party

Sunday, April 27, 2024 Held at St. Therese Social Hall -

Admission \$10 -- includes a lite lunch +25 chances on over 100 baskets!

Addition basket tickets -- \$5/for 25 chances Tickets on Large Prizes also available to purchase

Doors open at 11:00AM – Drawing will begin at 2:00PM

Soft Walk Through – Saturday April 26th from 4:00PM – 7:00 PM -

25 basket chances for only \$5 - **No Meal**



This week we take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ’s Love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.givecatholictogether.org

Children’s Easter Breakfast and Party

The children’s Easter breakfast and party will be held on

Saturday,

April 12th at 10:00 AM, at the

Social Hall. Sponsored by the

KOC Council #10409, the St

Therese Card Party, and the Christian Mothers,

for children 12 and under. (Parents & siblings

are welcomed to come and eat.) Please

complete the registration form found in the back

of church and return no later than **April 6th**



Stations of the Cross....will be held every Friday during Lent at **6:40AM before the 7:00AM Mass.** We hope you join us in prayer.

Community News & Events

Piroghi Project



St Therese Lenten Piroghi Project – continues during Lent.

Piroghi will not be made during Holy Week.

Sign-up sheets: will be available each week beginning this weekend in the back of church or you can call the office on Mondays from 9AM – 10:30AM to place your order. Pick up your order on Thursdays between 11AM – 2PM or Fridays from 10AM to Noon in the St Therese Social Hall. **Cost is \$8/dozen**

Grief Support Group



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT Journey Through Loss is a nine-week program for those who have lost a loved one through death recently or in the past. The program provides the opportunity to share or to listen and offers positive ideas for coping. The next session begins on Tuesday, April 22nd. We will meet weekly from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in Holy Grounds at Our Mother of Sorrows Church in Westmont. All faiths are welcome. For more information or to register, please contact Mary Petrak at 814502-6076 or mfpetrak@hotmail.com.



Annual Fish Fry: Visitation Parish will hold their annual Fish Fry every Friday during Lent (except on Good Friday) from 11:00 AM until 6:00 PM. The cost is \$13 dollars. The menu includes an 8 oz. Fish Sandwich with coleslaw and with a choice of macaroni and cheese, French fries, or sweet Potato fries and a beverage. Gobs are also available at an extra cost of \$2.00 each.

Lenten Fish Fry St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be having a Lenten Fish Fry, every Friday of Lent, beginning March 7 to April 11, from 11am-6pm or until sold out. They are taking orders starting at 9AM by phone (467-7191, ext 4) or order in the Church Hall. This will be take-out only. You must use the 7th Street entrance only when picking up your order. The fish is wild caught in Alaskan Waters and frozen at sea (not a product of China or Russia). All food is made fresh



St. Gregory (Boltz St) & St. Barnabas (Luzon Ave) Fish Dinners every Friday during Lent (March 7 – April 11) from 4PM – 6:30 PM. Eat in or Take-Out. No phone orders

St. Francis of Assisi Lenten Fish Fry – will have a Fish Fry **on Friday, April 4, 2025** at the Activity Center, corner of D Street and Barron Avenue. A LUNCH SPECIAL (Fried Fish Sandwich and French Fries, no substitutions) will be offered from 11AM until 1:00PM (Take Out Only). The full menu will be served from 2:00PM – 6:00PM, eat in or take out. Orders for lunch and dinner will be taken from 9:00AM until 1:00 PM on the day of the fish fry by calling 814-539-3518. We welcome walk-ins, but strongly suggest that orders be placed in advance. Meals will be served while supplies last.

Part-Time Maintenance Position is needed at St. John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown working up to 24 hours per week. Some responsibilities include: general maintenance repairs, inspecting facilities, cleaning, event prep, monitoring inventory, mowing, etc. For a full job description, please check out our website: [Candidates](#) can also submit resumes to mporada@dioceseaj.org or araymond@dioceseaj.org. Alternatively, submit resumes to 2713 West Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 1660



NUT ROLLS, POPPY SEED ROLLS, AND BREAD: St. Clare of Assisi Parish is taking orders for Nut Rolls and Poppy Seed Rolls. The cost is \$15.00 per roll. The cost of the Bread is \$5.00. Orders can be placed by contacting the St Clare Parish Office, (814)-535-1133. Pick-up will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 10, 11 and 12 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM in the St. Clare of Assisi School Hall. **The pick-up for Bread is Saturday, April 12th, 10:00AM to 6:00PM only.



As you do your spring cleaning are you finding gently used items that you are looking to donate? You're in luck the St. Therese Christian Mothers are holding a Flea Market & Bake Sale on May 2nd & 3rd from 9AM – 1PM in their Social Hall.

Watch this space for information on Gathering Dates

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

During the season of Lent, Catholics are encouraged to seek God's healing and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The following is a schedule of Communal Penance Services.



RECONCILIATION

St. Anthony of Padua (Windber)	Wednesday	April 2	6:00 PM
Our Mother of Sorrows	Monday	April 7	6 – 7:30 PM
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St Therese (West End Churches)	Wednesday	April 9	5:00 PM
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Windber)	Wednesday	April 9	6:00 PM
St. John Gualbert	Thursday	April 10	6:00 PM
St Benedict	Monday	April 14	5:00 PM
St Patrick	Wednesday	April 16	6:00 PM